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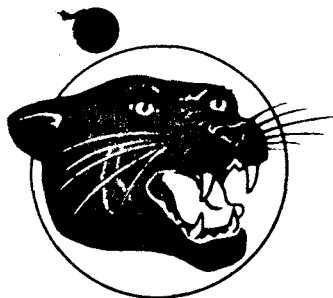
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Panther Sports News

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Previewing the Week (Oct. 26-Nov. 2)

Wednesday, Oct. 26	SOCCER hosts Illinois-Chicago (1:00, Lakeside Field) Volleyball at Southern Illinois
Friday, Oct. 28	VOLLEYBALL hosts Western Illinois (7:30, Lantz Gym)
Saturday, Oct. 29	FOOTBALL hosts Indiana State (1:30, O'Brien Stadium) VOLLEYBALL hosts Bradley (7:30, Lantz Gym) Men's Cross Country at Mid-Continent Championship (11:00, Cedar Falls, Iowa)
Sunday, Oct. 30	Soccer at Illinois State
Wednesday, Nov. 2	Volleyball at University of Illinois

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Oct. 21-22)

FOOTBALL: The Panthers won their sixth straight, 20-0, over Western Illinois and extended their streak of holding opponents scoreless to eight straight quarters as they posted a second consecutive shutout. EIU is now 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Mid-Continent setting up a conference title game with Southwest Missouri State, also 2-0, on Saturday, Nov. 5. The Panther defense limited the Leathernecks to 23 yards rushing and 170 total, intercepting four Mark Bloom passes.

ORTEGA JACKSON (Washington, DC-Woodson), senior linebacker, was the defensive 'player of the game'. Jackson intercepted a fourth quarter pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown that gave EIU a 10-0 lead. Earlier he sacked WIU quarterback Mark Bloom for a nine yard loss that helped to stop a potential scoring drive deep in EIU territory. Altogether Jackson was in on five tackles and now has 44 this year with two pass interceptions and two QB sacks.

CHRIS NICHOLSON (Waukegan-West/DuPage CC), senior defensive tackle was the defensive lineman 'co-player of the game' getting six tackles, including five solos, a tackle for loss and pass interception. Nicholson now leads the team with 33 solos and 60 total. He has a team high 6½ QB sacks, six tackles for loss, three fumble recoveries and two pass interceptions, one of which was a 76 yard intercepted fumble for a TD.

TOM MOSKAL (Lake Zurich), sophomore defensive end, was the defensive lineman 'co-player of the game' sharing honors with Nicholson. Moskal had six tackles, including five solos, and a tackle for loss upping his season totals to 41 tackles.

ROBERT WILLIAMS (Chicago-Dunbar), senior free safety, was the secondary's 'co-player of the game' getting six tackles, three solos, intercepting a pass and knocking down a pass in the endzone saving a touchdown when WIU had a 4th and 2 from the EI 6. He is No. 3 on the team in tackles with 60 overall, has six pass interceptions returning them 110 yards and a fumble recovery.

GARY BRIDGES (S. Belmar, NJ-Manasquan/Arizona Western CC), senior cornerback, shared secondary 'player of the game' honors with Williams. Bridges had five tackles and a pass interception. It was his third interception of the season. He now has 26 total tackles of which 15 are solos.

JERRY WRIGHT (Chicago-Collins), junior split end, was chosen the offensive 'player of the game' catching three passes for 66 yards and running a reverse twice for 36 yards. His second rushing play went for a 21 yard touchdown, and one of his pass receptions, a 40 yarder in the second quarter, set up EIU's first score on a 31 yard field goal. Wright has now caught 31 passes for 534 yards, and is averaging 77 yards in all-purpose running.

TYRONE DAVIS (East St. Louis-Lincoln), senior running back, starting his first game, was chosen the offensive 'back of the game' by rushing 15 times for 51 yards, caught one pass for ten yards and "did a great job of blocking all afternoon," said assistant head coach Larry Edlund. A four year letterman, Davis has rushed for 183 yards, a 4.5 average, and caught three passes for 21 yards.

ALVIN MCMURRAY (Chicago-Dunbar), senior offensive tackle, was chosen the offensive 'lineman of the game'. It was the fourth time in eight games that he has been selected for the honor.

KEVIN STAPLE (Markham-Thornwood), senior running back, ran for 141 yards, his fifth best day as an EIU running back, with a 59 yarder included in those totals. He also returned one kickoff for 20 yards. Staple now has 856 yards rushing, a 107 per game average, and is up to 125 per game all-purpose running.

JOHN RAFFERTY (Mt. Carmel), sophomore quarterback, completed eight of 15 passes for 95 yards and two interceptions. He now has 103-177-11 for 10 TDs, 1266 yards, 158.2 yards per game, and a 58.7% completion percentage.

DIRK ANDROFF (Decatur-Eisenhower), senior tight end, caught two passes for 14 yards boosting his season totals to 12 for 221. He ranks second to Jerry Wright in total yardage and is first with 18.4 yards per catch. He has one TD.

HENRY CASTELLANOS (Lawndale, CA/El Camino CC), junior kicker, booted field goals of 30 and 31 yards and kicked two extra points to account for eight of EIU's winning 20. Due to the poor field condition after four straight days of rain, Castellanos missed two other field goal attempts of 24 and 35 yards. Those were his first two misses of the season as he now has eight of 10, and 9-10 PATs for 33 points.

DEAN MAGRO (Joliet-West), freshman defensive tackle, had three tackles Saturday boosting his season totals to 21 with 2½ QB sacks, a tackle for loss, forced fumble and fumble recovery.

TYRONE COVINGTON (Chicago-Morgan Park), junior linebacker, had a game high eight tackles to boost his team leading season totals to 64 which includes 20 solos.

DAVE FERGURSON (Alton), junior linebacker, had eight tackles, tying with Tyrone Covington for game high, upping his season figures to 15 solos, 41 assists for 56 total.

REGGIE TAYLOR (Apopka, FL-Arizona Western CC), senior linebacker, had seven tackles to move into second place on the team with a season total of 63, 27 of which are solos. Taylor has 3½ QB sacks, two tackles for loss and a pass interception.

VOLLEYBALL: The Lady Panthers split two weekend road contests to open their Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference campaign. The spikers fell to 1982 GCAC runner-up Southwest Missouri State on Friday (Oct. 21) in Springfield, MO by 15-10, 4-15, 6-15 and 9-15 scores. But Eastern rebounded with a 15-3, 15-8, 15-8 victory on Wichita State's home court to even EIU's league record at 1-1 and raise its overall mark to 20-7.

STACY COOK (Lincoln/Illinois Central), a senior hitter, led Eastern with 19 weekend kills and hit at a 23.9 percent rate for the weekend (8 errors, 46 total attempts). She also recorded three service aces, four solo blocks, two blocking assists and 19 digs in the two weekend matches.

BONNIE FISK (Evansville, IN-Castle), a senior middle hitter, recovered from a sub-par performance at Southwest Missouri to turn in an outstanding all-around effort against Wichita State. Fisk hit at a 50 percent rate in Wichita with eight kills and no errors in 16 tries. She served three aces and blocked very effectively with two solo stops and three blocking assists.

KATHY BRIGGS (Bartonville-Limestone/Illinois Central), a senior outside hitter, attacked more effectively than any of her teammates at SMSU, notching eight kills in 26 tries with three errors (19.2 percent). She also kept the Panthers alive with her defense, picking up 17 attacks by the Southwest hitters. Briggs continued her fine defense on Saturday, recording 11 digs against Wichita State while contributing to the offense with seven kills.

JUDY PLANOS (Evanston-Township), a sophomore hitter, slammed 16 kills in the two league matches, including 10 unreturnable hits in the victory over Wichita State. She also sparked the Panthers with four service aces against the Shockers.

GRETCHEN BRAKER (Matteson-Rich Central), a senior setter/hitter, dished out 46 assists during the weekend to raise her team-leading total to 462. She also boosted the defense with 11 digs, a solo block and two block assists and helped the offense with four kills.

SOCCER: The Panthers, ranked 5th in the nation, solidified their No. 1 Midwest rating and all but assured themselves of hosting a first round NCAA tournament game by defeating St. Louis University 3-0 there Sunday. The victory gives EIU a 13-1 record with three regular season games to go. The Panthers close the season Saturday, Nov. 5 against Northeast Louisiana. EIU has outscored its opponents 47-8.

DAMIEN KELLY (Dublin, Ireland), senior forward, scored a school record 49th career goal at 32 minutes into the first half. It was his seventh of the season. He scored 13 as a freshman, a school record 21 as a sophomore and eight last year.

ERIC HARTMAN (Palatine-Fremd), senior goalie, registered his ninth shutout of the season. In 14 games he has allowed just seven goals.